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SUBJ: U.S. PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF GOJ-LARG OIL

DEAL

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1.JAPANESE MISSION HEADED BY PARLIAMENTARY VICE
MINISTER MIZUNO (REFERRED TO REFTEL (A) TRAVELLED TO
NUMBER OF ARAB STATES AUGUST IAWI TO THANK
THESE COUNTRIES FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN HANDLING
HIJACKED JAL AIRCRAFT. MISSION BEGAN IN TRIPOLI ON
AUGUST ON THEN VISITED LEBANON, SYRIA, ABU DHABI, WITH MESSAGE
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OF APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RE HIJACKING.

- 2. IN REFTEL (B), EMBASSY NOTED THAT MIZUNO HAD LIMITED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH LARG. FONOFF OFFICIALS TOLD US AT THAT TIME THAT SUBJECTS INCLUDED MEDICAL, HOUSING, AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUT DID NOT INCLUDE EITHER OIL OR INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM SITUATION. FONOFF MIDDLE EAST DIV OFFICIAL (TAKAHASHI) WHO ACCOMPANIED MIZUNO TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 14 THAT IN TRIPOLI MISSION HAD CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, AND ON ONE MEMBER OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL. MISSION DID NOT CALL AT MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. TAKAHASHI FLATLY STATED THAT THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO LIBYAN OIL.
- 3. DURING VISIT TO MITI ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, EMBOFF ALSO ASKED OFFICIALS OF PETROLEUM PLANNING DIV. ABOUT MIZUNO MISSION. OFFICIALS THERE WERE AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT MIZUNO MISSION TO LIBYA WAS, UNTIL EMBOFF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH HIJACKING. MITI OFFICIAL THEN ASKED IF EMBOFF REALLY THOUGHT THAT MITI WOULD EVER AGREE TO SENDING PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (WHO HAS LIMITED INFLUENCE WITHIN GOJ) ON NEGOTIATING MISSION TO BUY OIL FROM LIBYA. MITI OFFICIALS INCLUDING RYOHEI SUZUKU, HEAD OF PLANNING DIVISION, THEN FIRMLY DENIED EXISTENCE OF ANY GOJLARG DISCUSSIONS ON PETROLEUM.

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